

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5197

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 12, 1997

Application of CHRISANTUS N.	)	Case No. AP-97-48
FORETIA, Trading as LETIA	)	
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, for a	)	
Certificate Of Authority --	)	
Irregular Route Operations	)	

By application filed September 9, 1997, Chrisantus N. Foretia, a sole proprietor trading as Letia Transportation Service, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. According to Schedules A and C filed in support of applicant's financial statements, applicant spent \$100,000 to acquire the van and another \$15,000 to improve it. This seems excessive for a single van. Applicant will be directed to file a written statement explaining how the cost information in Schedules A and C was derived.

Applicant's projected operating statement, Exhibit G, states that applicant anticipates operating income of \$480,000 under its WMATC tariff during the first twelve months of operations. Again, this seems excessive for a single van. Applicant will be directed to file a written statement explaining how the revenue estimates in Schedule G were developed.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than September 22, 1997, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

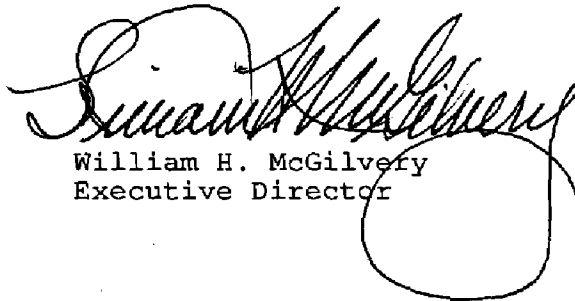
2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 13, 1997, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 22, 1997, an original and four copies of a written statement explaining how the cost information in Schedules A and C was derived.

4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 22, 1997, an original and four copies of a written statement explaining how the revenue estimates in Schedule G were developed.

5. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is October 13, 1997, and that copies must be served on applicant's representative, Joan A. Foretia, 14421 Gunstock Court, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director